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Czechoslovakia

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TOPIC

Troops in Zatec, Frymburk and Dolní Vltavice

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EVALUATION

PLACE OBTAINED

DATE OF CONTENT 17 to 26 July 1951

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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SOURCE

1. Between 17 and 26 July 1951, the barracks installation on the southeastern perimeter of Zatec (N 51/F 10) was occupied by a Czechoslovakian infantry unit of about battalion strength, which also furnished the sentries in front of the military post headquarters. All army personnel observed in the streets of Zatec were infantrymen. A unit of soldiers equipped with assault rifles, carbines and submachine guns with drum magazines was seen marching through the town singing as they marched along. No tanks or tank troops were noticed in Zatec. *

2. Czechoslovakian infantry troops were quartered in Frymburk (Friedberg) (N 49/Q 72) and Dolní Vltavice (Unter Moldau) (N 49/Q 63) on 27 July. Firing with light infantry weapons was practiced at a target range newly established about 4 km south of Dolní Vltavice. Source believed it to be advanced combat practice firing by the infantry unit stationed in this area.

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- * Comment. A report of April 1951 stated that tank troops were still stationed in Zatec at that time. It is believed that in July 1951 Zatec was still a post for tank troops who, however, may have been away for field exercises. Tank troops from Zatec were reported to have practiced in the Kaiserwald in May and June 1950.

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